Target for VPT in villages

2477. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the Village Public Telephone for the current year i.e., 2001-2002;

(b) the total number of villages provided so far with VPT out of the total number of 6.07 lakh villages in the country; State-wise;

(c) the technology that is being used for providing VPTs; and

(d) what were the targets set for the years 1998-1999; 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) BSNL target for village public telephone (VPTs) for the current year i.e. 2001-02 is 143, 255.

(b) Out of 607, 491 villages 410, 757 villages have been provided with VPTs as on 1 / 8 / 2001. State-wise details are given in Statement I. (*See* below).

(c) Following technologies are being used to provide VPTs.

(i) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL);

(ii) Centre for Development of Telematics, Time Division Multiple Access / Point to Multi-point CDOT TDMA / PMP;

(iii) Landlines; and

(iv) Satellite for remote and isolated village in the country.

(d) The targets set are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Target
1.	1998-99	45,000
2.	1999-2000	45,136
3.	2000-2001	100,000

The VPTs to be provided by private operator is given in Statement II.

Legend: *These licences stand terminated for default in payment of license fee dues.

Statement-I

Details of villages provided with VPTs as on 1-8-2001

Sl.No.	Circles	Villages with VPTs as on 31-7-2001
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	282
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23401
3.	Assam	14578
4.	Bihar	21210
5.	Jharkhand	7182
6.	Gujarat	13923
7.	Haryana	6811
8.	Himachal Pradesh	14469
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	4023
10.	Karnataka	27056
11.	Kerala	1530
12.	Madhya Pradesh	37308
13.	Chhattisgarh	10785
14.	Maharashtra	31541
15.	North East-I	2585
16.	North East-II	2060
17.	Orissa	25011
18.	Punjab	12687
19.	Rajasthan	23839
20.	Tamil Nadu	17899
21.	Uttar Pradesh(E)	61237
22.	Uttar Pradesh(W)	18917
23.	Uttaranchal	7914
24.	West Bengal	23897
25.	Calcutta	421
26.	Delhi	191
	TOTAL:	410757

Statement-II

VPTs to be provided by Private Operators

Sl.No.	States	No. of VPTs
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	6077
3.	Assam	0
4.	Bihar	0
5.	Jharkhand	0
6.	Gujarat	4202
7.	Haryana	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	0
10.	Karnataka	0
11.	Kerala	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	14205
13.	Chhattisgarh	4963
14.	Maharashtra	10890
15.	Goa	36
16.	N.E. Meghalaya	0
17.	Mizoram	0
18.	Tripura	0
19.	Arunachal	0
20.	Manipur	0
21.	Nagaland	0
22.	Orissa	0
23.	Punjab	0
24.	Rajasthan	14809
25.	Tamil Nadu	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh(E)	0
27.	Uttar Pradesh(W)	0
28.	Uttaranchal	0
29.	West Bengal	0
30.	Sikkim	0
31.	Calcutta	0
32.	Delhi	0
	TOTAL:	55182